

Getting Started with Microsoft® **Visual Studio™** 6.0

Before You Install

For late-breaking installation information, visit <http://msdn.microsoft.com/vstudio/>, or consult the Readme files, which you can access during installation.

Installing Visual Studio 6.0

Insert Disc 1 into your computer's CD-ROM drive and the Visual Studio Installation Wizard starts automatically. You can use the Wizard for initial product install and for later additions or modifications. The Installation Wizard also enables you to install the MSDN Library. If the Wizard does not open automatically, you can use the Setup.exe at the root of Disc 1.

Installing Visual Studio 6.0 with Windows NT 4

The Installation Wizard will upgrade Microsoft® Windows NT® with SP3 if it is not already installed.

Installing Microsoft Internet Explorer

The Visual Studio Installation Wizard will install the latest version of Microsoft® Internet Explorer 4, which provides many essential components: the newest version of Microsoft® Virtual Machine for Java, the latest user interface and common control libraries, and upgrades to the HTML-based online Help system.

Installing Developer Editions of the Server Applications

To facilitate developing and testing server-based applications, many Microsoft Server products are included with Visual Studio. They can be installed through the Installation Wizard.

Installing with Visual Studio 97

Visual Studio 6.0 is designed so that you can run it on the same computer as Visual Studio 97. To conserve space, you may want to uninstall Visual Studio 97 before running the Installation Wizard. The Wizard will suggest removing previous versions if it detects any on your computer. For additional instructions, refer to the Visual Studio Readme (readmeVS.htm).

Restarts During Installation

During installation, you will be required to restart your computer. The Wizard will automatically return you to the right step in the installation process. For details, see the Readme.

Getting Help During Installation

Special installation notes for Visual Studio and individual products are included online in the Visual Studio and individual product Readme files, which you can access from the Installation Wizard or from the root directory of Disc 1.

Installing Product Documentation and Samples

The MSDN Library is now your exclusive source for all Microsoft visual tools documentation and for more than a gigabyte of other essential programming information. You can choose the Typical installation to access all topics from the Library discs, or install specific documentation to your computer using MSDN Custom setup options.

The Visual Studio Island Hopper sample, which ships on the MSDN Library discs, showcases how you can design and structure enterprise applications using the Microsoft technologies and the Visual Studio suite. You can access the sample from the Visual Studio Start Page or from the Table of Contents, Samples section, Visual Studio Enterprise Samples. You can access other product-specific samples from the product Start Pages.

Using Visual Studio Enterprise Edition's Powerful Tools

Visual Studio 6.0, Enterprise Edition, offers an integrated suite of powerful, proven tools that enable developers to build the most cost-effective enterprise solutions. The Enterprise Edition fully supports Windows NT development, complete integrated database support, and team-based development.

In addition to its core products, the Enterprise Edition of Visual Studio ships key development tools such as Microsoft Visual Database Tools, Visual Component Manager, Visual Studio Analyzer, and the Microsoft® ActiveX™ Control Writer's Resource Kit.

Some of these tools are documented in the Visual Studio Documentation set, and others in the Tools and Technologies set. You can access the documentation for each tool from the Table of Contents (TOC) or by using the links in the Visual Studio Documentation Map.

Finding Visual Studio Information in the MSDN Library

The MSDN compact discs include a complete documentation set for Visual Studio and for each of the core products. The documentation sets use a uniform TOC structure.

Clicking the MSDN Library Visual Studio 6.0 icon expands the TOC to show the list of product documentation sets. Each documentation set opens with a Start Page and Documentation Map that identify and provide links to commonly used product information. The sections that follow include What's New, Getting Started, Using the product, Reference, and Samples.

To get started, here's a list of topics and where you find them in the MSDN Visual Studio 6.0 Library.

To find information on	Go to
MSDN Library Browser	MSDN Library Help in Welcome to the MSDN Library
Accessibility	Getting Started with Visual Studio 6.0 in Visual Studio Documentation
Technical Support	Getting Started with Visual Studio 6.0 in Visual Studio Documentation
VS Documentation Map	Documentation Map in Visual Studio Documentation
Feature information on different Visual Studio and core product editions	Visual Studio Editions in the Visual Studio Documentation Map
Component, Design, and Analysis Tools	Visual Studio Documentation
Visual Studio Analyzer	Component, Design, and Analysis Tools in Visual Studio Documentation
Microsoft Visual Database Tools	Data Access Tools and Technologies in Visual Studio Documentation
Microsoft FrontPage	Tools and Technologies

Next Steps

You'll find a wealth of information for developers at MSDN Online, <http://msdn.microsoft.com/>.

Product information is available at:

- Microsoft® Visual Studio™
<http://msdn.microsoft.com/vstudio/>
- Microsoft® Visual Basic®
<http://msdn.microsoft.com/vbasic/>
- Microsoft® Visual C++®
<http://msdn.microsoft.com/visualc/>
- Microsoft® Visual FoxPro®
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